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SUBJ: NEW GOC AMBASSADOR TO PRC: SERGIO HUIDOBRO JUSTINIANO

1. SANTIAGO PRESS REPORTED ON MARCH 22 THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN GRANTED TO RETIRED REAR ADMIRAL SEGIO HUIDOBRO JUSTINIANO AS NEW CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO THE PRC. HE REPLACES HERNAN HIRIART, THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, WHO RETURN TO CHILE.

2. HUIDOBRO RETIRED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1976 AFTER 39 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE, AMIDST STRONG RUMORS THAT HE WAS FORCED INTO RETIREMENT FOR PERMITTING CHILEAN MARINE CORPS FUNDS TO BE USED IN PURCHASING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR HIS PRIVATE HOUSE.

3. BIOGRAPHIC DATA: BORN IN SANTIAGO ON DECEMBER 25, 1921. HUIDOBRO GRADUATED FROM THE CHILEAN NAVAL SCHOOL IN 1942. DURING HIS LONG MILITARY CAREER, HE HAD THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT ASSIGNMENTS:

---COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST NAVAL ZONE (1953)

--- STUDENT OF INFANTRY TACTICS, US MARINE CORPS TRAINING CENTER AT QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, AND OF NAVAL INSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES IN NORFOLK (1955)

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--- DIRECTOR OF THE COASTAL DEFENSE SCHOOL AND COMMANDER OF THE CHILEAN MARINE REGIMENT "CONDELL" (1961)

--- DIRECTOR OF NAVY PUBLIC RELATIONS (1963)

--- COMMANDER OF THE CHILEAN MARINE CORPS (1972-76)

AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 1973 MILITARY COUP, HUIDOBRO TOOK ON AN ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT AS THE CHEF DE CABINET FOR THE NAVAL MEMBER OF THE MILITARY JUNTA. SINCE HIS RETIREMENT HUIDOBRO HAS SERVED AS THE GOC REPRESENTATIVE TO SEVERAL LARGE PRIVATE FIRMS.

4. HUIDOBRO IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MARIANA MEDEL (SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH) AND HAS SIX CHILDREN: SERGIO, RODRIGO, LUIS FELIPE, JORGE ALBERTO, MARIANA DEL CARMEN AND PEDRO FERNANDO.

5. HUIDOBRO RECALLS FONDLY HIS STAY IN VIRGINIA AND IS GENERALLY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE US. HE DRINKS SCOTCH AND SMOKES HEAVILY. HE SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH.
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